

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: September 28, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Jackie Nytes, Chair
Patrice Abduallah
Virginia Cain
Lonnell Conley
Marilyn Pfisterer

ABSENT MEMBERS

Isaac Randolph, Jr
Joanne Sanders

AGENDA

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The Economic Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, September 28, 2005. Chair Jackie Nytes called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Virginia Cain, Lonnell Conley, and Marilyn Pfisterer. Absent were Joanne Sanders and Isaac Randolph, Jr. Representing Council staff was Bart Brown, Chief Financial Officer.

Margaret Lawrence Banning, Administrator, Economic Development/Real Estate Services, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), said that the four fiscal ordinances before the Committee all involve additional funds that have been secured for specific projects or uses. She said that DMD is requiring that the grants and special statutorily created funds be appropriated in order to accomplish the designated projects.

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It was discussed that the original ordinance requested an increase of \$1.4 million as opposed to the current request of \$800,000. The digest of the current proposal still reflected the original requested amount of \$1.4 million.

It was moved and seconded to amend the digest of Proposal 463, 2005, and replace the stated \$1.4 million with \$800,000. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Banning said that the requested \$800,000 is from the Housing Trust Fund. She said that the State Legislation in 2000 enabled the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC) to create a trust fund which was done in early 2002. The statute called for an 11 member advisory commission to recommend policies and procedures for governing the trust fund and to identify potential long-term revenue sources to fund it. The MDC then approves the recommendations and awards money from the trust fund. She said the awards can be used for financial assistance for families at less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to lease or purchase a home, for grants and loans for the development of housing units for those families, to pay expenses related to the administration of the fund, or to provide financial assistance to not-for-profit developers. Fifty percent of the construction funds have to be allocated for families at less than 50% AMI. The fund currently has \$1.4 million from previous economic development projects with the City, including \$1 million from the Market Square Arena development, and future land sale proceeds are targeted for the fund.

Councillor Abdullah asked how the process is done with Community Development Corporations requesting funds. Ms. Banning said that applications will likely be first given to a staff committee, then approved through the Metropolitan Development

Commission to determine who is eligible, how they will be awarded, and what the process will be. She said that procedure is still in the draft form at this point. Councillor Abdullah stated that he receives many complaints relating to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that go to local CDCs and the long wait of one to two years to receive. The complaints include things such as the CDCs are not expedient, do not respond immediately to deal with the issues and problems of the people, and that the application process moves at a "snail" rate to get completed. He said he wanted to understand how, if these types of funds are available, the funds never seem to become available to enable assistance programs, such as aiding seniors in renovating their properties. Ms. Banning said that one of the advantages of a Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF), which the DMD is really excited about, is that there will be more flexibility and the ability to turn around more quickly. With the CDBG funds and other Housing of Urban Development (HUD) funds, there is an 18-month lead time to be prepared for the funds and have them awarded. These funds are part of a federal program with federal regulations that the City has to abide by. She said that LHTF will be local money that the department is hoping can be quickly responsive and proactive depending on the policies and procedures of the funds.

Councillor Abdullah stated that, in regards to the 18-month lead time, he has seen some cases where clients have waited 3 or 4 years. He said that citizens are still applying for CDBG funds and are not receiving the funds, and though this is another type of program, he wants to make sure that the already existing programs are secure in order to ensure that the citizens are receiving the services that are needed. Ms. Banning stated that DMD only receives a certain amount of CDBG funds and if people are waiting for years, it is because only a certain amount of units can be served with the amount of money that is received. She said this is the reason that alternative funds are being sought, such as the LHTF, to supplement some of the activities.

Councillor Conley asked if Ms. Banning is stating that the citizens would not have to wait the 18-month period for the local funds. Ms. Banning answered that the 18-month period was a hypothetical number and that the annual action plan is how CDGB funds are awarded and there is a significant lead-up-to time before the money actually hits the street. She stated that the LHTF is local money that can be expedited quicker.

Councillor Conley asked if the money is awarded as a loan. Ms. Banning answered that it could be awarded as a grant.

Chair Nytes asked if a CDC may apply for some of the LHTF money if interested. Ms. Banning said that the answer will not be known until the guidelines are complete, but she would expect it to be possible. Chair Nytes said that she encourages the Trust Fund Board to consider the idea as a possibility because she agrees with Councillor Abdullah that there are waiting lists in many of the CDCs and that the demand and need exceeds the available funding. She asked if community organizations would like to apply for the LHTF funds, if they can contact the Community Economic Development Division of DMD while the guidelines and regulations are being established. Ms. Banning answered in the affirmative and stated that her office is the staff to the Trust Fund.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Abdaullah, to forward Proposal No. 463, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0

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Ms. Banning said that of the amount requested, \$200,000 is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant that DMD recently received for site assessment and delineation of two City owned sites and two residential redevelopment areas. The City-owned sites include a former dry cleaners in Fall Creek Place and a former industrial site on the near South side. The residential redevelopment areas are to complete a Phase I survey for Fall Creek Phase IV and Martindale on the Monon. She said that the money is a two-year grant and some of that money will also help to complete DMD’s inventory of Brownfield sites as well as performing community awareness and outreach programs. The remainder of the amount requested is from two State grants that were received from the Indiana Finance Authority to assess two privately owned redevelopment sites; one at 2045 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Avenue, and the other at 2422 Yandes Street. Both are private developers with private-owned properties that requested DMD’s assistance. As the municipality, DMD has to apply to the State, the State awards the money, and DMD passes the money on to the private developer.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if the \$200,000 grant is the amount for each of the two years or total. Ms. Banning answered that it is the total amount. Councillor Nytes said that some of the sites are well worth tackling.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Conley, to forward Proposal No. 464, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Ms. Banning said that the amount requested is from another State created fund. In 2003, the Legislature passed a Certified Technology Park legislation allowing municipalities to capture additional State income and sales tax revenue in designated areas to support high technology businesses or, in this case, life sciences related businesses that operate within

that area. She said that the designated area includes the Canal going west to the River and up to about 16th Street. Within that area is the Indiana University's Emerging Technology Center (ETC), the Life Sciences Incubator. She said that these funds will help the ETC expand its information technology capacity to serve its start-up businesses and to underwrite some of its expenses related to supporting the next generation of Eli Lilly and Roche Diagnostics. She said that nurturing home grown entrepreneurs is one of the most effective needs of growing the local economy and this incubator, with its state of the art technology and services, is one of DMD's greatest tools in that regard.

Chair Nytes encouraged members of the Committee to visit the Incubator along the Canal if anyone has not had the opportunity to do so. She said that it may be something worthwhile to organize for a subsequent meeting. She believes that it has been quite successful and the fact that it is downtown might be something that the Committee can easily access and have an opportunity to learn something about.

Bob Clifford, City Controller, commented that the fund balance was unintentionally not included in the proposal and that the information will be available at the next Council meeting. Mr. Brown added that it was not in the budget ordinance and the appropriation was included. He asked that the Committee approve the proposal and Mr. Clifford will submit the amended version at the full Council meeting. Chair Nytes asked if the proposals being heard today were identified in the budget ordinance, which was passed on September 19th, as anticipated additional appropriations. Mr. Clifford answered in the affirmative. Chair Nytes said that she would be comfortable approving the proposal if the remainder of the Committee is in agreement for the amendment to be submitted at the full Council. Councillor Pfisterer questioned the legality of approving a proposal with an amendment to be pending. Chair Nytes asked if the Controller's Office knows the numbers and stated that the Committee can wait to vote on Proposal 465, 2005. She asked if the Controller could bring the amendment back after the next proposal is heard. Chair Nytes said that the Committee will momentarily suspend discussion on Proposal 465, 2005 while the amendment is being prepared and proceed to Proposal 466, 2005.

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Ms. Banning said that the amount requested includes \$1.3 million in unobligated Home funds, which is a HUD program for the Home Investment Partnership program. She said that these funds are for construction and rental assistance for the DMD's development partners to create rental and homeownership opportunities for low-moderate income families. She said this amount is unspent money from previous years that DMD wants to return to the streets to be spent. \$235,000 has been targeted to support the Link Savoy Apartments at the corner of Vermont Street and Illinois Street. The remainder of the \$1.3 million is to allow the availability of additional funds to be awarded as development

opportunities arise. She said that DMD would like to have money available and appropriated to respond quickly as DMD's development partners bring in projects, specifically abandoned housing initiative projects. She said that DMD is working to make the abandoned properties available and wants to have the ability to support CDCs to rehabilitate the properties. She said that \$248,000 of the total requested is a special appropriation through HUD that is specifically for the residential development opportunity on the near West side, approximately Holmes Avenue and Michigan Street. She thanked the Congressional Delegation for the special appropriation. She said the Westside Community Development Corporation wants to build approximately 23 affordable houses in a property that is currently vacant. The special HUD funds will be used for site preparation and infrastructure. She presented an exhibit of the preliminary rendition illustrating the area and possible look of the plan, which envisions a small subdivision with new affordable housing.

Councillor Abdullah asked how the selection process works to ensure that people within the neighborhood have an opportunity to work within the sites or projects that are being done in their area. He also asked if minority contractors are allowed the opportunity to work on the projects within the area. He inquired about the average purchase price of the new houses, how balance within the community will be maintained, and what opportunities to benefit from the additional funds will be given to the people living in the community.

Ms. Banning addressed the question regarding opportunities for minority and women owned businesses and stated that when CDCs use federal funds, a fair and open bidding process must be used. She said that DMD is working with the Employment Opportunity Office of the City and State on ways to better network minority construction companies with CDCs. She said a letter has recently been sent by Corporation Counsel reminding DMD's project sponsors of the commitment to the open bidding process and that efforts must be made in regards to minority and women owned businesses. She said that most of the CDBG dollars that are made available are for very small, individual projects. Councillor Abdullah asked how local CDCs indicate that obligations are being met to provide opportunities for minorities to participate in the projects that are funded by CDBGs. Ms. Banning answered that CDCs have to send a report to DMD illustrating which contractors and subcontractors were used that were minority or women owned and that she could supply the Committee with copies of those reports. Councillor Abdullah stated that he would like to see the reports to illustrate viable efforts made by the CDCs in projects that have been done in their local areas before moving to approve additional funds.

Chair Nytes explained that only \$248,000 of the proposed increase is specifically for the low income development and it is unclear at this point if any of the additional funds are being requested by particular CDCs. Ms. Banning reiterated that the \$248,000 is a special appropriation through HUD that can only be used for the new development project and the \$1.3 million is home funds that can be used anywhere. Chair Nytes asked if a Councillor is concerned about a particular CDC in his or her area, would DMD's staff

be willing to provide information on performance. Ms. Banning answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if there is a timeline involved in the site preparation and infrastructure of the near West side project. Ms. Banning said that construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2006. Councillor Cain asked if there are any requirements or guidelines regarding upkeep of property once the occupants have been approved to either rent or buy the new properties. Ms. Banning answered that the requirements and guidelines are the same as for any property owner, and DMD Code Enforcement and Compliance is responsible for monitoring the properties. Councillor Pfisterer asked if the new homes will be for ownership or rental. Ms. Banning answered that the 23 units are intended for home ownership and it is being proposed that an additional 16 units of supportive housing also be built.

Chair Nytes asked how the Council will be informed of the projects selected to utilize the recycled CDBG money. Ms. Banning answered that there is not a process that involves returning to the Council in place at this time, but there is an internal review committee that looks at the new projects. Councillor Nytes said that she believes that Councillors would be interested in knowing of the projects, as many Councillors are asked to support and advocate for projects and may have some that take priority; and therefore, would like to have an opportunity to give feedback on projects for reappropriation before the decision is final. She encouraged DMD to explore options to inform the Councillors of staff recommendations.

Chair Nytes stated that proposal 466, 2005 is an additional appropriation and does not need to have the fund balance statements included in the proposal because it is grant money.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Conley, to forward Proposal No. 466, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Nytes asked the Committee to return to Proposal 465, 2005, which requires the fund balance statement because Redevelopment General includes tax revenue. Chair Nytes asked if the numbers will be read into record. Mr. Brown answered in the affirmative and stated that SECTION 5 needs to be replaced with the following language:

The projected December 31, 2005, fund balance for the Redevelopment General Fund is as follows:

Cash Balance as of end of June 30, 2005	9,191,819
Estimated remaining revenues to be received this year	<u>693,371</u>
Total Funds Available	9,885,190
2005 remaining CY and PY appropriations end of Aug 2005	1,175,758
Proposed additional appropriations (this proposal)	<u>534,000</u>
Total Requirements	1,709,758

Estimated Fund Balance December 31, 2005

8,175,432

Mr. Brown added that there needs to be an insertion of SECTION 6, with the following words: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

Chair Nytes stated that this was done to remind the Council that when an additional appropriation is being done, that money is being spent from funds that are expected to be on hand between now and the end of the year. It is also to remind the Council of what is being done to the End-Of-The-Year Fund balance. Mr. Clifford said that the Certified Technology Park (CTP) funds is part of the Redevelopment funds but is dedicated funding for that project. He said he would like to meet with Mr. Brown to discuss how much money from the dedicated funds remains as a sub-part of the Redevelopment Fund to clarify the numbers given. He stated that he believes that Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Controller's Office, intentionally left off the Fund Balance because the funds are dedicated. He said that, if after meeting with Mr. Brown, there is a need for an additional amendment, he will offer it before the Council meeting.

Councillor Conley asked if there is a timeline for Proposal 465, 2005. Mr. Clifford stated that DMD would like to move forward as it is a part of Economic Development. He said that it is not an issue of whether or not there are enough funds; it is simply a matter of obtaining the proper sub-fund balance. Chair Nytes said that she understands that ETC is looking forward to the revenue as part of their operating funds for their building for this year. She pointed out that this amount, while it is being put into Redevelopment General, is not property tax revenue. It is revenue that was captured from income and sales tax within the CTP, collected by the State. It is the increment that was collected from the area because the CTP is generating a higher level of business activity than before it became the CTP. Therefore, an argument may be made that the requirement for the Fund Balance Statement is not applicable. Mr. Clifford said that he believes the way Mr. Brown proposed the amendment by clarifying the exact fund balance of redevelopment will allow the Controller's Office to later clarify it by how much money of the CTP is left at the end. Chair Nytes said that it is an important part of information for the Council since the point of the CTP funding mechanism is to create a stream of revenue that can be utilized for economic development.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to accept the numbers as read by Mr. Brown to amend Proposal No. 465, 2005. It was requested that a final written copy of the amendment be given to all of the Committee members prior to the proposal being sent to the full Council. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councillor Conley moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to forward Proposal No. 465, 2005, to the full Council with a "Do Pass As Amended" recommendation, provided the Committee members receive copies of the amendment. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Update on the activities of BioCrossroads – presented by President and CEO David Johnson

Chair Nytes said that, earlier in the year, there was a discussion about the number of economic development initiatives taking place in the community that the Committee should be more knowledgeable about; BioCrossroads is among those initiatives. She introduced Mr. David Johnson, who provided an update on BioCrossroads's activities.

Mr. Johnson distributed handouts to the Council, which included a review from 2004 (Exhibit A) and the company's background (Exhibit B). [Clerk's note: Copies of Exhibit A and B are on file in the Council office with the original minutes of this meeting.]

Mr. Johnson stated that he will give an overview of what the company is and insight of what BioCrossroads is doing, what they are trying to do, how it factors into the City's economic development program, and specific factors for Indianapolis. Mr. Johnson said that there are a lot of economic development groups in Indianapolis and he thinks that it is important to separate BioCrossroads and reveal what the company is working toward. He said that the company came together as an opportunity at a time when the City had its Regional Center Plan in 2000-2001. Those involved in that plan spent a great deal of time particularly looking at the Downtown area and the area near Clarian Hospital and realized that there were a number of world-class assets such as, Indiana University (IU), Lilly, WellPoint, and Guidant, that were doing great things. He said it was revealed that there has not been an economic development strategy that captures the assets and that BioCrossroads wants to include all of the life sciences assets possible, whether in the City or in the State. Both IU and Purdue University are critical parts of what the company is doing. He said the fuel that drives life sciences, as defined in Indiana, includes pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices of all kinds and supporting technologies, diagnostics (such as Roche Diagnostics), and agrochemicals with Dow AgroSciences. And if one looks at IU Medical School, which is the second largest medical school in the country, it is very helpful that all of the assets are in close proximity. He said that Indianapolis is sitting on one of the best life sciences clusters in the United States. He stated that it may have been easier when the Council had more dollars to think about economic development attractions and recruiting externally, but that is expensive and hard to accomplish in today's society. He said that the best way to grow things is to grow and build on what you have, and BioCrossroads is an opportunistic coalition coming together.

Mr. Johnson's presentation (Exhibit C, which is on file in the Council office with the original minutes of this meeting.) included the following keypoints:

- Indiana's health history
- A list of the life sciences areas in Indianapolis
- Background of BioCrossroads existence
 - BioCrossroads started two businesses within the IU Emerging Technology Center; one not-for-profit and one for profit. The not-for-profit is called the Indiana Health Information Exchange,

which has linked all five of the major Central Indianapolis hospitals together with the Regenstrief database at IU Medical School. The hospitals can now communicate patient information on a confidential and private basis, which allows treatment from other hospitals with your information at their fingertips.

- The other company deals with basic biotechnology discoveries working on developing indicators for things such as Alzheimer's Disease.
- BioCrossroads history from 2000-2002
- Names of members of the Board of Directors
- Names of the members of the Project Staff
- Economic Development initiatives
 - BioCrossroads is more involved in the new business formation of economic development.
- Checklist for building the company's entrepreneurial culture
 - 275,000 people in Central Indiana are employed in the health and life sciences sector.
 - 10% of the State population is in life sciences and health care delivery and 20% of the tax base.
 - The average life science and health care salary is 2 ½ times the normal salary in Indianapolis.
 - Life science and health care jobs are local and cannot be outsourced.
- The company's major accomplishments
- Related efforts
 - Proposal 465, 2005 continues and advances the "research community" in the Downtown area, which is designed to be retail, residential, research, and commercial.
 - Involved in the Regional Center Plan, which includes the ETC and the designated 16th Street/Stadium Drive area project.
 - Great community interest in the 16th Street/Stadium Drive project. Allows interesting possibilities for small businesses, research, community facilities, and recreation facilities.
 - Believes that if the ETC is successful, it will begin the tone and pace for broader development along Stadium Drive.
 - Consultants created a blue print that envisions the People Mover someday covering the entire area.
 - Life sciences development should affect the entire community of Indianapolis.
 - Great deal of life sciences building construction in the Downtown area with builders being Lilly, Clarian, the State, and IU Medical School.
 - BioCrossroads is working with the Indiana Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) to attract life sciences conventions.

Chair Nytes said that it is very rewarding to hear of something that is positive and growth oriented.

Councillor Abdullah asked if there are opportunities for employment, growth in the community, and how people can get involved with BioCrossroads and what they have to offer. He asked about allowing children to have hands-on opportunities to observe another area of science. Mr. Johnson said that the company is new, but is working in several areas; one is to educate young people in grades K-12 in science and scientific opportunities. In regards to scientific education, the company is running major components of the International Science Fair, which will be held in Indianapolis next year. He said that he would be very interested in working with Charter Schools and other schools in the Stadium Drive area to support dedication to science and math propositions, scientific achievement, and making science a cool thing for young people to be involved in. He said that the company is working with the Private Industry Council on work force related issues and the development of 16th Street and Stadium Drive is open for opportunity. There should be many people participating in that project and benefiting in the areas of building and employment.

Mr. Johnson said that a great project that is happening is the database for Regenstrief, but he is not prepared to discuss the comprehensive details. For the last 30 years, the Regenstrief database has been taking in information about a population in Central Indiana of approximately 600,000 people. This information has been gathered from Wishard and Clarian and now has the opportunity to gather from many different places. This community is very representative of America today with very high ethnic diversity and opportunities for research for specialized health care issues. With this database, research can cover all communities and data can be used for community health care delivery.

Councillor Conley asked what the criteria and selection process is for interns to be involved with BioCrossroads' project staff. Mr. Johnson said that the company does not have a formal internship program, but occasionally will work with people who have an area, interest, or specialization that may be associated with the company's current cause.

Chair Nytes agreed with the importance of science education for young people. Councillor Pfisterer commented to the life sciences future for the City and said that the Central State Reuse Commission talked about the possibility for an educational site for adults having to do with life sciences or health care on the Central State site. She asked Mr. Johnson to consider that site for the future. Mr. Johnson said that the company has visited the Central State site and visited with the Medical History team, however BioCrossroads is not involved in real estate and site development, but tries to direct interested companies to possible opportunities like the Central State site.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if the way that data is shared in the Regenstrief database could be duplicated in other areas for accountability, such as tracking the whereabouts of firefighters in firefighting situations. For example, in firefighting, a firefighter may enter in one spot and exit in another spot of a building and land structure may not know the location of that firefighter. Mr. Johnson said that it could be duplicated, but factors such

as privacy, personal integrity, and need-to-know must be put in the correct combination. It may be possible in the future, but it will also require the governing of who may have access to specific information. Mr. Johnson stated the information may be out there, but organization of that information is what needs to be accomplished.

CONCLUSION

With no further business, and upon motion duly made, the Economic Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Nytes, Chair

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